Met Office

Big freeze to return later this week

13 December 2010 - Met Office forecasters are predicting a return to very cold conditions later this week, with the risk of further snowfall and widespread icy conditions and the potential for travel disruption.

A band of rain, sleet and snow will push south across the country on Thursday, to leave widespread ice for many as temperatures plummet as strong northerly winds set in. Snow showers will then follow especially across northern and western parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Steve Willington said: "Following the rain and snow on Thursday, skies are expected to clear rapidly with widespread ice likely to form quickly. This could lead to disruption to travel networks, potentially through the morning rush-hour in Scotland."

Snow showers are then likely to spread across many places exposed to the northerly wind, especially northern and western parts of the UK later on Thursday and through Friday.

The public are advised to stay up to date with the very latest weather forecasts and warnings on our website (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035649mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast , radio and TV and should take measures to ensure that they are prepared for severe weather.

For travel advice you can visit:

Highways Agency (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035649mp_/http://www.highways.gov.uk)

Traffic Scotland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035649mp_/http://trafficscotland.org/)

Traffic Wales (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035649mp_/http://www.traffic-wales.com/)

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